

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Wayne L. Ryan**

Serial No.: **10/605,669**

Filed: **October 16, 2003**

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR COLLECTING  
AND PRESERVING CELLS FOR ANALYSIS**

Group Art Unit: **1651**

Examiner: **Lora E. Barnhart**

Confirmation No.: **2668**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 17, 2009**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2009, having an extended period for response expiring August 17, 2009, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed concurrently.